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SUBJ: BELL HELICOPTER CO-PRODUCTION

REF: STATE 54787

1. WE APPRECIATE REVIEW UNDERTAKEN BY DEPARTMENT OF
POSSIBILITIES FOR THIRD COUNTRY SALE OR TRANSFER UNDER
GOI/BELL HELICOPTER CO-PRODUCTION AGREEMENT. WE BELIEVE
RESPONSE TO TOUFANIAN, HOWEVER, CAN BE LESS NEGATIVE IN TONE THAN
THAT SUGGESTED REFTEL AND STILL MEET ALL US REQUIREMENTS.

2. OUR AIM WOULD BE TO AVOID THE CONFUSING ELEMENT OF
ELIGIBILITY LIST, AND TO PROVIDE GOI ASSURANCE NOW THAT
IT WOULD RECEIVE IDENTICAL TREATMENT TO US IN FUTURE IF
IT (GOI) AGREES TO CHECK IN EACH CASE TO DETERMINE USG
SALES/TRANSFER POLICY AT THAT TIME FOR GIVEN THIRD COUNTRY. WE
WOULD PROPOSE TO TELL TOUFANIAN THAT USG IS NOW PREPARED TO APPROVE
SALE OR TRANSFER TO ANY COUNTRY WITHIN SALES AREA TO
WHICH US WOULD BE PREPARED TO SELL OR TRANSFER AS A
MATTER OF USG POLICY AT GIVEN FUTURE TIME. IN RETURN
WE WOULD REQUIRE GOI AGREEMENT TO CHECK WITH US AT
ANY (AND EACH) FUTURE TIME TO DETERMINE IF USG POLICY
THEN PERMITTED SALE OR TRANSFER TO COUNTRY IN QUESTION.

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3. PROPOSED LETTER TO TOUFANIAN WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS.
BEGIN TEXT.

IN THE CONTRACT CONCLUDED IN LATE NOVEMBER 1975
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AND BELL HELICOPTER/
TEXTRON ON HELICOPTER CO-PRODUCTION A VERY WIDE SALES
AREA WAS INCLUDED WITHOUT THE REQUIRED CONDITION FOR
PRIOR UNITED STATES APPROVAL FOR EACH SALE. THE GOVERN-

MENT OF IRAN IS, OF COURSE, AWARE OF THE LAW AND POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE SALE OR TRANSFER TO THIRD COUNTRIES OF MILITARY ITEMS WHICH MIGHT BE PRODUCED IN IRAN USING TECHNICAL DATA FROM THE UNITED STATES. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY, THE AMBASSADOR PROVIDED THE MINISTER OF THE IMPERIAL COURT A DETAILED WRITTEN STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE UNITED STATES POSITION ON THIS ISSUE ON NOVEMBER 9, 1975. THE REQUIREMENTS OF UNITED STATES LAWS AND REGULATIONS REMAIN AS SET FORTH IN THAT STATEMENT.

IN VIEW OF IRAN'S INTEREST IN HAVING THE GREATEST FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO POTENTIAL THIRD COUNTRY SALES CONSISTENT WITH UNITED STATES LAWS AND REGULATIONS, APPROPRIATE US AUTHORITIES UNDERTOOK TO REVIEW THE SITUATION IN THAT REGARD. UNITED STATES PRACTICE IS TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OR SALE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO A THIRD COUNTRY IF AT THAT TIME WE OURSELVES WOULD APPROVE THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF THE SAME OR LIKE EQUIPMENT TO THAT COUNTRY IN COMPARABLE QUANTITIES AND UNDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS (INCLUDING RETRANSFER ASSURANCES) CONSISTENT WITH UNITED STATES LEGAL AND POLICY REQUIREMENTS.

THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO ACCORD THE SAME TREATMENT TO IRAN. THUS, THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO APPROVE SALES OR TRANSFERS UNDER THE HELICOPTER CO-PRODUCTION AGREEMENT TO THIRD COUNTRIES IF AT THE TIME THE GOI WISHES TO MAKE SUCH A SALE OR TRANSFER, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD APPROVE A SALE OR TRANSFER

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BY THE UNITED STATES TO THAT COUNTRY. IT WILL BE NECESSARY WITH RESPECT TO A PROPOSED SALE OR TRANSFER FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN TO CHECK WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO ASCERTAIN UNITED STATES POLICY AT THAT TIME. END TEXT.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO PROPOSED REVISED RESPONSE ABOVE.
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